

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An connector for connecting a host device to at least one peripheral device, comprising:
  - (a) a first port, facing in a first direction; and
  - (b) a second port, facing in a second direction substantially different from said first direction.
2. The connector of claim 1, wherein said ports face in opposite directions.
3. The connector of claim 1, wherein said ports are substantially functionally identical.
4. The connector of claim 3, wherein said ports are USB ports.
5. A system board comprising the connector of claim 1.
6. The system board of claim 5, wherein said first port faces outward and said second port faces inward.
7. The system board of claim 6, further comprising a peripheral device operationally connected to said inward-facing port.
8. A host device comprising the system board of claim 5.

9. The host device of claim 8, wherein the host device is a computer.
10. The host device of claim 8, wherein the host device is one of the group consisting of a network router, a TV set top box and a mobile device.
11. The host device of claim 8, wherein said first port faces outward and said second port faces inward.
12. The host device of claim 11, further comprising a peripheral device operationally connected to said inward-facing port.